



INVESTING IN People and Workforce

Recognizing the importance of our people and workforce, the DeWine-Husted Administration is focusing on families to truly demonstrate that this is **Ohio's Time**. Ohio's new budget eliminates taxes on essential baby items and ensures that more Ohioans have access to affordable, quality education and healthcare.

Families

This budget eliminates state sales taxes on diapers, creams and wipes, car seats, and strollers beginning in October, which will save Ohio families **\$16 million** per year.



A **\$1.4 billion** investment will increase the quality of care in Ohio's nursing homes by helping to ensure patient safety and encouraging higher pay for top-notch staff.



Ohioans with Disabilities

KEEPING FAMILIES TOGETHER

Youth with complex behavioral health needs will be supported with **\$10 million** for initiatives such as Keeping Families Together, which supports families through a multidisciplinary team of disability and trauma experts who provide recommendations and resources to families, in-home support, and respite services.

Mental Health

RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

The new budget will invest **\$30 million** in a new State of Ohio Action for Resiliency (SOAR) Network to solidify Ohio as a national leader in mental health research and innovation. The SOAR Network will help turn that research into best practices so Ohioans will receive world-class mental health care.

SOCIAL MEDIA SAFETY

To better protect Ohio's children online, Ohio's operating budget includes the **Social Media Parental Notification Act**, which requires certain online companies to obtain verifiable parental consent to contractual terms of service before permitting kids under the age of 16 to use their platforms.



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Ohioans with Disabilities (*cont.*)

TECHNOLOGY

At **\$6.4 million**, this budget ensures that technology is included as part of all service support plans for Ohioans with developmental disabilities. Providing technology-based support will help create opportunities that help these individuals live more fully integrated lives in their communities.

K-12 Education



SCIENCE OF READING

A renewed focus on literacy will be supported through a **\$64 million** investment to help schools and districts purchase curricula aligned with the science of reading.



SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS

The budget will provide **\$7.5 million** per year to grow and expand access to school-based health centers. This support will help eliminate access barriers to essential preventive and primary health care services for students.



College Affordability and Access



GOVERNOR'S MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

The new Governor's Merit Scholarship will help encourage Ohio's best and brightest to stay in the state by providing **\$5,000** scholarships to every student in the top 5% of their high school graduating class who chooses to attend an Ohio college or university starting in FY 2025.

Veteran Care

Furthering Ohio's commitment to our veterans, the operating budget provides a one-time allocation of **\$65 million** to match federal funding to modernize the Ohio Veterans Homes in Sandusky and Georgetown. Improvements will include conversion to private rooms, upgraded roofing, lighting, plumbing, heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems, and infrastructure improvements.



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